

without the love and support of his wife, Virginia, and their two daughters, Emma and Louisa.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, and the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in extending our sincerest congratulations to Mr. Robert H. "Bob" Hurt for receiving The Order of Saint Maurice and for his many years of service to our government, our military, and our nation.

RECOGNIZING STEPHENS COUNTY CHAMBER'S COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS FOR 2018

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Stephens County Chamber of Commerce's award recipients for 2018. On August 16, residents of Stephens County came together to honor the successes of the local business community at the 72nd Chamber Annual Awards Celebration.

The L.P. "Bub" Greer Industry of the Year award went to NIFCO-KTW, a German manufacturing company that specializes in manufacturing automobile parts for BMW vehicles.

Stephens County Farmers Market took home the Agriculture Business of the Year award, and the Chamber awarded CK Morgan and Company—a local gift shop—with the title of Retail Business of the Year.

Bowen and Watson earned the Ben F. Cheek III Service and Profession Business of the Year award. This Toccoa-based construction firm's president, Drew Watson, was also named this year's Young Professional of the Year.

The Chamber gave its Promotion and Tourism Award to Miles Through Time Automotive Museum and the Entrepreneur of the Year award to Alisa Adams of Cabe Crest Catering.

Food 2 Kids received the Nonprofit of the Year award for making strides in addressing local food security, and Emily Hayes was recognized as the 2018 Volunteer of the Year.

Alan Ramsey received the Senior of the Year award, John Dickerson earned this year's Lifetime Achievement award, and Jeremy Spradlin took home the Bob Evans Chairman's Award.

Mr. Speaker, these individuals and organizations have made significant investments in Stephens County's business community, and I congratulate each of them on these honors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted "Nay" on roll call votes 380 and 381.

RECOGNIZING MURIEL ENGELMAN

HON. MIMI WALTERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of my constituent, Muriel Engelman, of Laguna Woods, California.

Muriel served as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps in World War II, spending several months of her two-year service near the front lines at the Battle of the Bulge.

Muriel treated countless American and Allied soldiers, forming lasting bonds with those who were fortunate enough to have known her.

This July, Muriel was appointed a Chevalier of the National Order of the Legion of Honor by French President Emmanuel Macron.

Considered France's highest honor, this distinction was bestowed upon Muriel for her brave and selfless work during her six and a half months in France during World War II.

Her vital role in the war effort undoubtedly helped liberate our European allies.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate Muriel Engelman on her well-deserved recognition.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM THOMAS SLYE, JR., USA RETIRED

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lieutenant Colonel William Thomas Slye, Jr., USA, Ret., who became an angel on February 28, 2018. LTC Slye's dedication to the United States Army, his nation, and his beloved family mark a man whose life was devoted to service to others.

A native of Washington, DC, LTC Slye enlisted in the Navy in 1953, where he served as an aircraft engine mechanic and found his passion for aviation. While the Navy could not offer him a venue to progress in his flying aspirations, he soon enlisted in the Army to pursue their flight training program.

LTC Slye's skills did not go unnoticed and he was assigned to the Presidential Flight Detachment where he flew in the Presidential Helicopter unit for both Presidents Johnson and Nixon. His valiant efforts to keep our nation's leaders safe during tumultuous times were next to none and will never be forgotten. Following a 28-year Army career that included three tours in Vietnam, LTC Slye retired in 1981 and settled in Belton, Texas.

Along with being a skilled and decorated pilot, LTC Slye was a true family man. He married the love of his life, Wanda Rose Bridges, in 1957 and went on to raise three beautiful children: Mike, Teri, and Sandie. He lived a full and inspirational life and was actively involved in his church, Knights of Columbus, and community.

LTC Slye's dedication to both nation and family reflect the best values we hold dear in Central Texas. I salute his devotion to our highest ideals and join his loved ones in mourning his loss.

IN HONOR OF DANNY SMITH

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Danny Smith, who is retiring after 36 years with the United Parcel Service (UPS).

Danny currently serves as Vice President of Public Affairs for UPS. He started with UPS in Alabama in 1982, first loading and unloading vehicles then driving delivery trucks. Shortly thereafter, he was promoted to the managerial track, and spent 20 years in the financial sector. He later became the Director of Logistics and Customized Solutions.

This unique combination of financial expertise, strong customer relations skills, and his talent for never meeting a stranger brought him to the attention of Public Affairs after he worked with their group as a Congressional Awareness Coordinator in Wisconsin. When the VP of State Government Affairs position opened in the Dallas area, Danny was offered the opportunity to work with national, state and local political leaders across Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Alabama and Florida to further their understanding of the many roles UPS plays in their districts.

On top of his many responsibilities within UPS, Danny has been involved in a wide range of organizations, which include: the Texas Trucking Association, where he is Chairman-elect of the Executive Board, Chairman of their PAC, and Vice Chairman of their Foundation, the Oklahoma Trucking Association, the Louisiana Motor Transport Association, the Mississippi Trucking Association, the Arkansas Trucking Association, the Texas Association of Business, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Mississippi Economic Council and the Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce. He also serves on the Texas Leadership Forum ("TLF") Advisory Board of Directors.

Danny holds a bachelor's degree in Business and Communications from Auburn University and currently resides in Southlake, Texas with his wife, Terri, and their two children, Connor and Emma. His son, Connor, graduated in June 2018 from Southwestern University, my alma mater, in Environmental Sciences and was an all-conference Lacrosse player. Emma is a sophomore at the University of Alabama, where she is on a full scholarship and a University Fellow in the Honors College.

In honor of his years of dedication and hard work, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Danny Smith for his friendship and deep commitment to our community.